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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a
reply in the above-identified application.

Applicant hereby requests a three-month extension of time extending the deadline to
reply to February 23, 2006. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the required fee of
\$1020.00 (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-5135.

Respectfully submitted,

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